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At \$1.00.

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We guarantee these pure linen, and may be had with colored border or plain white with three widths of hem.

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The "Stanhope" for Young Men.

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10 Light-weight Linen-covered Suit Cases, with brass lock and catches; inside straps; 22 or 24 inches in length.

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Regular Price, \$4.50.

At \$3.50.

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Fishing Hooks on double gut, 25c. at.....	15c.
Kelso Bass Casting Lines (50 yds.), \$1.75, at.....	\$1.00
Kelso Silk Lines (25 yds.), 50c. at.....	34c.
Empire City Reel, double action (40 yds.), 39c. at.....	25c.
Multiplying Reels, nickel-plated, 75c. at.....	50c.
Tackle Box (four compartments), 50c. at.....	30c.
Fisherman's Sun Hats, 25c. at.....	15c.
Drinking Cups (folding), 25c. at.....	15c.
6-quart Minnow Buckets, 50c. at.....	34c.
Green Canvas Fishing Coats (Norfolk), \$2.50, at.....	\$1.75
Bristol Steel Fishing Rods, \$5.00, at.....	\$3.25
Japanese Fishing Rods, \$1.25, at.....	85c.
Single Gut Leaders (3 ft.), per dozen, 12c. at.....	5c.
Wire Leaders (3 ft.), 25c. at.....	15c.
Leader Boxes, 25c. at.....	18c.
Fishing Flies, 10c. at.....	3c.

CONDITIONS UNKNOWN

Jury's Verdict Regarding a Fatal Electric Shock.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST

RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOY'S DEATH UNDETERMINED.

Robert Skidmore Electrocuted While Standing Near Ferris Wheel on Show Grounds.

A small boy who attended the "Mardi Gras and Fall Festival" on the circus grounds in Northeast Washington last night received a fatal electric shock, and another boy had a narrow escape from death. The boy who lost his life was Robert Skidmore, ten years old, son of Mrs. Sarah Skidmore of 1022 E street southeast. Edward Ferrel of 1424 P street northeast is the boy who escaped, although he received a slight shock.

Skidmore and a companion, Harry Herbert, left their homes late in the afternoon and went to the show grounds, where they formed a part of the crowd outside the tents. They were attracted to the big Ferris wheel, and were standing there when the electric lights were turned on. Skidmore received a shock, and died on the way to the Casualty Hospital, but the little Ferrel boy managed to get the iron support of the wheel, and thus saved his life. Skidmore, the son of the showman, also received a shock.

The showmen did not suspend business because of the fatal accident, but continued the show. Fearing a repetition of the accident the proprietor of the Ferris wheel did not use the current to feed the wires attached to the colored lights after the electrocution of the boy.

The physicians at the Casualty Hospital worked hard in an effort by means of artificial respiration, to revive the possible spark of life, but were unsuccessful, and when they finally abandoned their effort the body of the boy was removed to the morgue.

Coroner Nevitt held an inquest today at the morgue, and the mother of the victim was represented at the hearing by Attorney Wilton J. Lambert, while Assistant United States Attorney Bingham was present in the interest of the government. Attorney J. Morrill Chamberlain represented the show people's interests.

After hearing the testimony of a number of witnesses the jury returned a verdict in which it stated that the boy's death was due to an accident, the result of conditions unknown to the jury.

Statement of Physicians. Deputy Coroner Glazebrook, the first witness examined, testified that he examined the boy's body at the morgue this morning. Witness found that there was a burn on the hand between the thumb and index finger. Witness also found wounds on the arm and body, which, he said, had evidently been caused by the electricity. His death, the doctor stated, was evidently due to an electric shock.

Dr. P. Hamilton Lloyd, resident physician at the Casualty Hospital, testified that the boy was dead when the police reached the hospital about 6:45 o'clock. The doctor was told of the accident, and said the burns found on the body were such as would be made by an electric shock.

Walter C. Allen, superintendent of electrical construction in the District, testified that he heard of the fatal accident, and this morning he found the general conditions of the wiring very poor and very dangerous. He said as the wires existed this morning he could find no place where the shock could have been produced. Some of the wires were hanging from the Ferris wheel, he said, had been removed last night or this morning. Witness said that the wires were strung in a private property, and there is no provision of law requiring an expert to perform the work. The wires of the Potomac Electric Power Company, the witness stated, were in first-class condition.

Mr. Allen said he had been told that the wiring on the grounds had been done by employees of the show. These wires, he declared, were much worn and poor, and were constructed in an unsafe condition. Witness found many places in the wires with which people might have come in contact. It would have been impossible, he said, for any person to have come in contact with the wires of the Potomac Electric Power Company. Witness said there may have been a cross caused by the breaking down of the wires, which were used in the axle of the wheel, the witness said, had been removed since the accident occurred. He could not say that the boy was in a position to come in contact with them.

Superintendent Memler Testifies. W. H. Memler, superintendent of construction of the Potomac Electric Power Company, testified that he visited the show grounds last night after he heard of the accident. There was nothing wrong with the wires of the local company. They were put up after Saturday morning. Witness said when he went to the grounds last night he noticed that the lights on the Ferris wheel had been turned out.

The work of his company, he stated, ceased some little distance from the wheel, and the local company had nothing to do with the wires about the grounds. This morning he stated that he was made on the grounds and the wires of the Mardi Gras Company showed no leakage.

"When did you first know of the scene of the accident?" asked Attorney Bingham. "About 9:30 o'clock," he responded. "Were there any wires strung about there last night that were not there this morning?"

"I didn't see any." Witness said the wires on the wheel were charged with 110 volts. He had never heard of such voltage killing anybody before.

Regarded Wires in Good Condition. Frederick Thompson, living at 5015 Greenway avenue, Philadelphia, electrician in charge of the wires on the show grounds, testified that he had not graduated from an electrical school, but had worked at the business for about seven years. He is employed by Mr. Adolph Seeman. Witness said the show started three years ago and he joined it at Clarkburg, Va. Witness said he had not made a careful examination of the wiring on the wheel, but thought it was in good condition.

Witness said he had seen the show in March at Birmingham, Ala., and witness has nothing to do with the wiring on the wheel. He said he showed the employees of the local company where the connection was to be made.

Witness was unable to tell how long the wires had been in use, nor could he tell about the condition of the insulation. He was unable to tell how the boy happened to be in the shock. He said he saw the boy, who he said was a colored boy, who may have slipped and charged the wheel. Witness said his duty is to see that wires are strung upon the poles and connected with the different shows. These wires, he stated, were so high above the ground that the boy could not possibly have touched them.

So far as witness knew, the proprietor of the wheel is Mr. Van Arsdeale. "I don't know his first name," said the witness. "We call him Van, for short."

The only way witness could account for the accident was that there was a slight leakage and the steel frame of the wheel was charged. The voltage, the witness stated, was between 104 and 110, and he had frequently received the full voltage. Such an amount of electricity, he felt certain, would not hurt the skin. Witness had been shocked by 500 and 1,000 volt current and thrown about, but not injured.

Witness said he reached the wheel last night about the time the boy was taken away, and saw Frank Britton, one of the Ferris wheel employees, climbing a pole to cut the wires. Britton, he stated, had charge of the work of arranging the wires on the Ferris wheel. Witness climbed the frame of the Ferris wheel and cut off two wires. At that time the frame was not charged with electricity. If there was any alteration made in the wires last night or this morning he knew nothing of it.

Witness told the jury that he ran two

wires through the axle of the Ferris wheel yesterday afternoon in order to light the grand stand. It was these wires he stated, that he cut after the accident occurred.

Showman's Testimony.

G. H. Van Arsdeale of Pueblo, Col., one of the owners of the Ferris wheel, testified that his partner in the business is W. E. Sullivan of Rood House, Ill. The wheel was built two years ago.

"Who looks after the electric wires on the wheel?" the coroner asked. "The men in my employ," was his answer. "Mr. Britton is the chief man, and the other man is Mr. Erick."

"Are they employed as electricians?" "No, sir," the witness stated; "they are just employed as helpers."

Mr. Van Arsdeale said he thought the wires on the wheel had been in use only about three weeks. Witness said he knew nothing about electricity, and yesterday's affair was the first accident in connection with the wheel. After the accident occurred, he said, some of the wires were cut. Witness said that the Seeman company gets 30 per cent of the gross receipts of the show and the profits are divided between Mr. Sullivan and himself.

Policeman on the Stand. Policeman Livingston of the ninth precinct testified that he saw the boy standing with his arm about one of the stays of the wheel. When witness saw the boy act as if he had received a shock he went to him. When he caught hold of the boy, he said, he (the policeman) received a shock.

Realizing the boy's predicament, witness tugged at him until he pulled him from the frame. Then he had to go to the assistance of a man named Sachs, who had received a shock while trying to get past the frame of the wheel. After that witness devoted his time to keeping other people away from the place of danger.

Witness said the stay to which the boy was holding when he received the shock was connected with the axle of the wheel. He heard of the accident, and received a shock. He said he caught on to the axle with the base of the structure. Witness said that the wiring about the grounds is done by Fred Thompson.

Manager Seeman's Testimony.

Adolph Seeman, manager of the amusement company, testified that his only connection with the Ferris wheel is that he receives part of the proceeds for the concession. Witness said he furnishes the current for the wheel, but the wiring is done by its owners. Witness said that his partner in the business is Frederick Milligan.

Mr. Allen was recalled to the stand respecting the wiring about the grounds.

Inside the grounds, he stated, there are transforming devices which reduce the current from 2,000 to 110 volts. Witness explained how, in his opinion, the current was sent into the frame of the Ferris wheel. He gave his opinion that the bolts would not have burned the boy. Such a voltage, he stated, would hardly shock a person to death unless the person had a weak heart or was suffering from some nervous trouble. Fright, he said, might possibly enter into such a case.

Mr. Allen was the last witness examined and the case was submitted.

FORT RILEY RIFLE TOURNEY.

Good Showing of District Men in Individual Shooting.

FORT RILEY, Kan., August 26.—Shooting in the national individual rifle match was resumed today, with Sergt. Maybee, Marine Corps, with a score of 410 out of a possible 560, leading in the rapid fire and Private R. R. Pile, District of Columbia, with a score of 178 out of a possible 200, having the highest score in the slow fire. Today the rapid firing was finished and skirmish firing, with two runs by each competitor, followed, completing the individual match.

CONSPICUOUS BY ABSENCE.

Scant Interest Taken by Western States in Fort Riley Shoot.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

FORT RILEY, Kan., August 24, 1904. When the board for the promotion of rifle practice selected the places for the national match they were prompted to do so by the desire to accommodate the western states. They were led to believe that they would be largely represented and that the meeting would result in awakening greater interest in rifle shooting in this section of the country.

There is a large representative gathering here of rifle men, but those for whose convenience and benefit it was located are conspicuous by their absence. Michigan, Iowa, Kansas and Washington are alone the representatives of this section, Georgia, Florida and Alabama represent the south; Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia represent the eastern states, with teams from the cavalry, infantry, United States navy and Marine Corps representing the regular establishment.

This gathering of nearly four hundred expert riflemen is an event of greater moment than is appreciated by the average citizen. Those who are short sighted think it a waste of time and money, while those who understand the necessity of the nation's being ready for any emergency applaud the sacrifice made by the individuals composing it and vote the money necessary for its encouragement and continuance.

"What could you do with this aggregation?" I asked an army officer of wide experience while discussing the value of rifle shooting. "I could withstand a division of ordinary shots," he replied.

We have just experienced a Kansas twist, as they call it out here, and in view of the facility with which it picked up our mess tent and landed it in a heap it was a success. There was no doubt about the mess when it was through, but the two companies of colored soldiers detailed from the 25th Infantry soon received it, after the rain, which followed the blow, had ceased.

Without much inconvenience to the teams they were able to have supper in their accustomed places. Capt. S. M. Murray, subsistence department of the army, is a later representative of the camp and Lieut. F. L. Otis of the 4th Cavalry with the respect and esteem of the team captains by his courteous and prompt treatment of all demands for the requisites for the comfort of the men.

The health of the camp was excellent. There was but one accident to any one connected with the meet. Yeoman Griggs of the navy team attempted to ride a horse owned by the cavalrymen with the result that he is now in the hospital with a broken leg. The naval team attract considerable attention on account of their snow-white uniforms.

The team captain in announcing the names of the District team stated that the selections had been made after tabulating the totals of the first four days' shooting, which showed the individuals to stand as follows: First, Lieut. H. H. Hederich, second, Capt. Alfred P. Robbins; third, Private Maurice Appleby; fourth, Maj. Glendie B. Maury; fifth, Lieut. Ralph Alderman; sixth, Lieut. Charles H. Groome; seventh, Lieut. W. W. Cookson; eighth, Capt. Frank E. Skinner; ninth, Lieut. Frank W. Holt; tenth, Maj. E. H. H. Hederich; eleventh, Lieut. R. L. Pile; twelfth, Samuel B. Wetherald; Alternates, Private E. J. Pink and Captain Summers.

J. E. B.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL A VICTIM.

Unknown White Man Commits Assault—Posse in Pursuit.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. HAGERSTOWN, Md., August 26.—Minnie, the eight-year-old daughter of Henry Ausherman, a young farmer living along the Williamsport pike, three miles out from Hagerstown, was criminally assaulted about 10 o'clock this morning within a few hundred yards of her home by an unknown white man.

The little girl was playing along the pike with some other children, when the man appeared. He enticed the Ausherman girl to follow him, and when she was alone he showed her the location of several nests of eggs. They had gone but a short distance from the pike when the man attempted to grab the girl and after tearing her clothing from her body uttered cries of rage. At the same time choking her from the point of insensibility to stifle her cries.

After accomplishing his purpose, the man left this little victim lying helpless on the cornfield and fled in the direction of Hagerstown.

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erstown. When she failed to return within a reasonable time her little companions instituted a search. With their aid the Ausherman girl was able to reach her home, where she told the story of the crime to her parents.

Officers in Hagerstown were at once notified and a large posse is now scouring the neighborhood in search of the fiend. The community is thoroughly aroused and if the man is caught he will probably be swung to the nearest tree.

Fairbanks Starts for New York. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 26.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, republican candidate for Vice President, left for New York today. He will confer with officials at national headquarters tomorrow afternoon and go to Boston Sunday. He will make his first speech in Vermont Monday.

Post Office Robber Escaped.

JANESVILLE, Wis., August 26.—It was discovered today that Eddie Fay, who was in jail here awaiting trial on a charge of robbing the Superior post office of \$14,000 in stamps and money, had escaped from his cell. Fay was assisted by outsiders, who climbed to the second-story window outside of his cell and sawed through the heavy iron bar.

District Man Goes Down for 15 Days.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., August 26.—James T. O'Neill, claiming to be from Washington, a stenographer and typewriter, was a prisoner in the police court today. He was charged with defrauding his landlady out of two weeks' board and was charged also with being a suspicious character. He had been drinking, and was endeavoring to leave for his home today. The justice sent him down for fifteen days.

Dental Surgeons Meet.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 26.—The International Dental Federation opened a two days' session today in Music Hall, with delegates present from all parts of the United States and nearly all countries of Europe. The federation consists of members from the following countries: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Great Britain, France, Finland, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and the United States.

Kaiser Replies to Greeting.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 26.—Through General von Plessen, adjutant general to Emperor William of Germany, the kaiser has replied by cablegram to the greeting extended to him by the German Veterans' Association of North America. The emperor also expressed gratitude for the kind remembrance in which the former soldiers still hold the German army.

Steamer Line Independent of Railway.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.—Within another month the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's steamers between the city and Portland will be running independent of the railroad, although the lines will continue as E. H. Harriman's interests. To relieve the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company of its ocean division, the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company has been incorporated with R. P. Schwerin, William F. Herrin, C. H. Markham, R. W. Kerrigan and William Sproule as incorporators. Schwerin is to be vice president and general manager and the operation of the steamship line will come under his direct supervision.

Jap Loyalty to Country.

ST. LOUIS, August 26.—World's Fair Grounds.—For the aid of the Red Cross Society of Japan there has been obtained more than \$300 through the sale of fancy articles, made by the family of P. Kondo, president of the Great Japanese Steamship Company, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and offered to the public at the company's exhibit in the palace of transportation. Mrs. Kondo and her two daughters, although belonging to one of the wealthiest families of Japan, have taken this means of personally showing the patriotism to the Japanese cause. They also have sent another supply of goods to London to be sold for the same purpose.

Steamship Rate War.

LONDON, August 26.—A telegram from Liverpool today announced that Lord Inverclyde, chairman of the Cunard line, and Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American line, will meet at Frankfurt, Germany, August 29, to try to settle the rate war. Messrs. Ismay and Dawkins, representing the International Mercantile Marine Company, have been invited to attend the meeting.

FOR A WHITE MAN'S PARTY.

Date Set for Republican District Convention in Virginia.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., August 26.—The second district republican congressional convention met here today, with D. Lawrence Grover, district chairman, presiding, and called a congressional nominating convention to meet in Norfolk September 28.

Notwithstanding the favorable attitude toward the negroes, it was declared here today that the republican party in Virginia is to be a white man's party only, and that the negro must be eliminated. Those now mentioned for the republican nomination for Congress are: John A. Jarratt, who is a white man; and Robert M. Hughes of Norfolk, A. C. Peachy and George A. Wise, both of Newport News.

Murder Suspect Held.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., August 26.—A special from Stony Creek, Va., says a warrant was sworn out by citizens of Sussex county yesterday evening for the arrest of Charles E. Stewart, charged with murdering Miss Annie Collins and afterward burning the body in the woods near here June 26. The warrant was placed in the hands of Officer Mayes at a late hour last night, and Stewart was taken in charge early this morning and brought before Magistrate Johnson at Jarratt, who is hearing the case. Twenty-five or more witnesses will be summoned to testify against Stewart, and the case promises to be a very interesting one. Stewart, it will be remembered, took the girl to his wife's family about five years ago, it is said, for her money, and after getting all she had tired of her, and it is supposed, took her out and killed her.

Receiver for Mercantile Agency.

NEW YORK, August 26.—George R. Beach, a lawyer of Jersey City, has been appointed receiver for the International Mercantile Agency of New York city by Vice Chancellor Garrison. The application for the receiver was made by John Enright of Jersey City, on behalf of certain stockholders of the concern.

The petition for the appointment of a receiver alleged that the company was insolvent, in that its liabilities were upward of \$200,000 and its assets not more than \$100,000. On Wednesday in the New York supreme court Judge Vernon M. Davis granted a warrant of attachment for \$54,239 against the concern on complaint of Thomas M. McCauley, formerly the president of the agency.

Lively at Republican Headquarters.

NEW YORK, August 26.—The return of Chairman Cortelyou to republican headquarters from Oyster Bay was signalized by a rush of business that has not been observed since the campaign began. Representatives of Washington and Landis of Indiana were among the early callers, and they were followed by a large

number of New York state and city politicians, who desired to discuss minor matters of the campaign. Mr. Wachtler said that the republicans of Maryland intended to make a campaign with the hope of carrying that state.